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In re Galloway, et al., U.S. Patent)
Application No. 09/369,980)
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For: MULTI-LAYER THERMOPLASTIC FILMS)
AND PACKAGES MADE THEREFROM)
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Filed: July 30, 1999)
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Group Art Unit: 1772)
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Examiner: R. Dye)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 25, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks below be considered. Applicants have also requested an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 in order for this paper to be timely filed and a request for continued examination.

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected.

Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newsome (4,457,960) in view of Lai et al. (5,272,236) and further in view of Wilhoit (5,283,128).

Newsome discloses a linear low density polyethylene in multiple layer, molecularly oriented films. Newsome further discloses linear low density polyethylene blended with ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers. These blends (linear low density polyethylene and ethylene